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TAGS: OEXC GJ (DOLLAND, FRANKLY O.)

SUBJ: NOMINATION OF FRANKLYN O. DOLLAND FOR CU/IVP GRANT

REF: (A) STATE 090985; (B) BTN 1026; (C) BTN 0621

1. NAME: DOLLAND, FRANKLYN

2. SIGNIFICANT POSITIONS:

PRESENT: CURRENTLY GRENADA'S MINISTER OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, SPORTS, AND LABOUR, FRANKLYN DOLLAND IS AN ELECTED MEMBER OF THE GRENADA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. DOLLAND'S MINISTRY IS A KEY ONE SINCE BOTH YOUTH AND LABOR PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN GRENADA.

PAST: THE YOUTHFUL DOLLAND BEGAN HIS POLITICAL CAREER IN 1971 WHEN HE WAS NAMED A MEMBER OF THE APPOINTED GRENADA SENATE. AN ACCOUNTANT BY PROFESSION (FROM 1965 TO 1971, HE WORKED AS ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT IN THE GRENADA BRANCH OF THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA), DOLLAND WAS APPOINTED MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (VICE MINISTER); LATER HE WAS NAMED MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. A PROTEGE OF GRENADA PRIME MINISTER ERIC M. GAIRY, DOLLAND CONTESTED AND WON A HOUSE SEAT IN 1972. AFTER HAVING BEEN ELECTED TO THE HOUSE, HE WAS GIVEN THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, SPORTS, AND LABOUR PORTFOLIO WHICH IS A FULL MINISTERIAL POST. DOLLAND IS ALSO GRENADA'S ALTERNATE GOVERNOR TO THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, A REGIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.

3. PERSONAL DATA: BORN IN ARUBA OF GRENADIAN PARENTS, ON NOVEMBER 21, 1944, DOLLAND IS A GRENADIAN NATIONAL.

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4. TRAVEL ABROAD: LABOUR MINISTER DOLLAND HAS TRAVELLED BOTH WITHIN THE CARIBBEAN AND ABROAD AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRENADA GOVERNMENT TO REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. ALTHOUGH HE HAS TRAVELLED TO SRI LANKA, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, THAILAND, ITALY, UK, CANADA, AND THE US, HIS RECENT THREE-WEEK VISIT TO KENYA AND UGANDA REPRESENTS HIS LONGEST TRIP ABROAD. HIS VISITS TO THE US HAVE BEEN VERY SHORT GOVERNMENT BUSINESS TRIPS OF ONLY A FEW DAYS DURATION.

5. PREVIOUS U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANT: THE NOMINEE HAS NEVER PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A GRANT FROM THE USG.

6. ESCORT SERVICES: ESCORT SERVICE SHOULD BE PROVIDED BUT AN INTERPRETER IS NOT NEEDED.

7. TENTATIVE VISA ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION: NOMINEE APPEARS ELIGIBLE FOR A J-1 VISA.

8. REASON FOR NOMINATION: AS A RISING YOUNG STAR IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GRENADA, WHICH ITSELF IS RATHER NEW TO THE BUSINESS OF BEING AN INDEPENDENT NATION, DOLLAND COULD USE THE EXPOSURE TO U.S. SOCIETY AND INSTITUTIONS. A GRANT TO DOLLAND WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO MOLD THE OPINION OF A YOUTHFUL DEVELOPING NATIONAL LEADER IN A DIRECTION FAVORABLE TOWARDS THE US. A IVP GRANT TO DOLLAND AND TO ALISTER HUGHES (BTN 1071) WOULD DO MUCH TO CORRECT PREVALENT BELIEF IN GRENADA THAT US EMBASSY GIVES ALL THE "GOODIES" TO BARBADOS. THESE TWO GRANTEES WOULD BE THE FIRST FROM GRENADA SINCE INDEPENDENCE IN FEBRUARY 1974. NOMINATION OF DOLLAND, WHOSE CAREER HAS BEEN GUIDED BY PM GAIRY, WOULD ALSO BALANCE OUT NOMINATION OF JOURNALIST HUGHES WHO IS, RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY, CONSIDERED ANTI-GAIRY BY GRENADA GOVERNMENT.

9. POST OBJECTIVE OF US VISIT: THE EMBASSY'S OBJECTIVES IN EXTENDING A CU/IVP GRANT TO MINISTER DOLLAND ARE TO: FURTHER HIS PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL GROWTH BY CONTACT WITH US; RESTART THE IV PROGRAM IN GRENADA; AND DEMONSTRATE OUR INTEREST IN GRENADA AND OUR EVEN-HANDED APPROACH TO GRENADIAN POLITICS; AND INCREASE GRENADIAN GOVERNMENT AWARENESS OF AMERICAN CULTURE AND DEVELOP CULTURAL COOPERATION BETWEEN US AND GRENADA AS DOLLAND IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS.

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10. POST ESTIMATE OF NOMINEE'S AVAILABILITY DATES FOR US PROGRAM: WE BELIEVE NOMINEE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR TRAVEL IN THE EARLY FALL BUT UPON NOTIFICATION BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT THIS NOMINATION HAS BEEN APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE, WE WILL ASCERTAIN DEFINITELY HIS AVAILABILITY.

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